

Statement by
Rep. Carolyn Maloney (NY-14)
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“I am deeply concerned that, as the Congress and American public faced the solemn decision of whether or not to put American lives at risk invading Iraq, the Administration may have used less than accurate information on Iraqi weapons of mass destruction and the imminence of the threat to the American people. That information not only had some influence on my decision to support military action, but it undoubtedly influenced millions of Americans.

“I strongly support the establishment of an independent commission on intelligence about Iraq to get to the bottom of this issue that may not be resolved otherwise.

“As our foreign policy focuses on other world hot-spots, I am hopeful that this Administration and future administrations use only the most accurate information when shaping American policy. It would be a tragedy and a crime that, if in making tough decisions in the future that may include military action, the Administration, the Congress, and the American people use unreliable intelligence.”